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In re Application of)

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For: *Histidine-tagged Intimin and
Methods of Using Intimin to
Stimulate an Immune Response
and as an Antigen Carrier with
Targeting Capability*)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the claims on the merits, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete claims 64 and 65 without prejudice or disclaimer thereof, and substitute amended claim 60 below for pending claim 60:

60. (Once Amended) A method for providing passive immune protection to a patient in need thereof comprising:

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